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## ENERGY DIVISION POSTER CONTEST WINNERS HONORED

JACKSON, Miss., - Energy, a division of the Mississippi Development Authority recently honored the winners of a student poster contest sponsored to promote October Energy Awareness month.

The 2002 Energy poster competition was held in October for private and public school students in the fourth, fifth and sixth grades. A poster review committee selected four posters from each grade level that will later be featured on a full color 24" x 36" wall calendar. One additional poster best depicting the theme of the competition, "A Real Adventure – Renewable Energy" was also selected to appear on the calendar.

"I congratulate the individuals whose work was selected to appear in the calendar. The students are to be commended for increasing the awareness of the cost savings associated with the efficient use of energy in water, lighting, heating and cooling," said Governor Ronnie Musgrove.

The young artists were honored at an awards luncheon held at LeFleur's Bluff State Park Clubhouse in Jackson. Each winner received a plaque, a giant puzzle of the State of Mississippi, a tour of the Mississippi Natural Science Museum, a t-shirt, and a canvas tote bag.

Winning posters will be featured in a full color wall calendar with each winner's name, grade, school and hometown under their entry.

## This years winners include:

Fourth grade students are as follows: Erika Green, West Bolivar Elementary, Rosedale; Kayla Reed, Southern Baptist Education Center, Olive Branch; Reilly Starrett, ST. Richard School, Jackson; Mary Beth Tate, Ford Elementary, New Albany; Annecsa Walker, Galena Elementary, Byhalia.

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Fifth grade students are as follows: Lauren Leist, Laurel Christian School, Laurel; Katie Lewis, Olde Towne Middle School, Ridgeland; Hannah Rowell, Raleigh Elementary School, Raleigh.

Sixth grade students are as follows: Miquel Angel Arias Rozo, Newton Middle School, Newton; Demarco Pendarvis, Rowan Middle School, Jackson; Allison Quick, Raleigh Elementary School, Raleigh; Gennizel Roman, St. Alphonsus Catholic School, Ocean Springs.

The overall theme winner was Ivy Hawkins, Sullivan Elementary School, Southhaven.

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